The Council of the North in the Anglican Church of Canada

The nine northern "assisted" dioceses and the Deanery of Labrador, which make up the Council of the North, include most of the aboriginal people who belong to the Canadian Anglican Church. Many of the Indian and Inuit nations are now caught up in a spiritual and political struggle to maintain their identity as peoples in the face of encroaching western society.

Although the area is rich in natural beauty and resources, the Canadian economy skews development to serve the southern population centres, and the northern economy and people remain largely unstable and poor. The vast distances, harsh climate and sparse population also add to the difficulties of ministry in the north, and challenge us to develop new and creative approaches to ministry there—including the recognition of traditional forms of indigenous ministry. The north has much to teach the south.

Diocese of the Arctic
39 percent of the land
2 percent of the population
1.8 percent of active Anglicans
1 Anglican for every 81 square miles of territory
82 percent of the Anglicans are aboriginal Canadians

Diocese of Athabasca
4 percent of the land
.4 percent of the population
.7 percent of active Anglicans
1 Anglican for every 9 square miles of territory
7 percent of the Anglicans are aboriginal Canadians

Diocese of Brandon
4 percent of the land
.9 percent of the population
1.4 percent of active Anglicans
1 Anglican for every 6 square miles of territory
23 percent of the Anglicans are aboriginal Canadians

Diocese of Caledonia
8 percent of the land
.7 percent of the population
1.7 percent of active Anglicans
1 Anglican for every 14 square miles of territory
24 percent of the Anglicans are aboriginal Canadians

Diocese of Cariboo
1.7 percent of the land
1.8 percent of the population
1 percent of active Anglicans
1 Anglican for every 1.3 square miles of territory
5 percent of the Anglicans are aboriginal Canadians

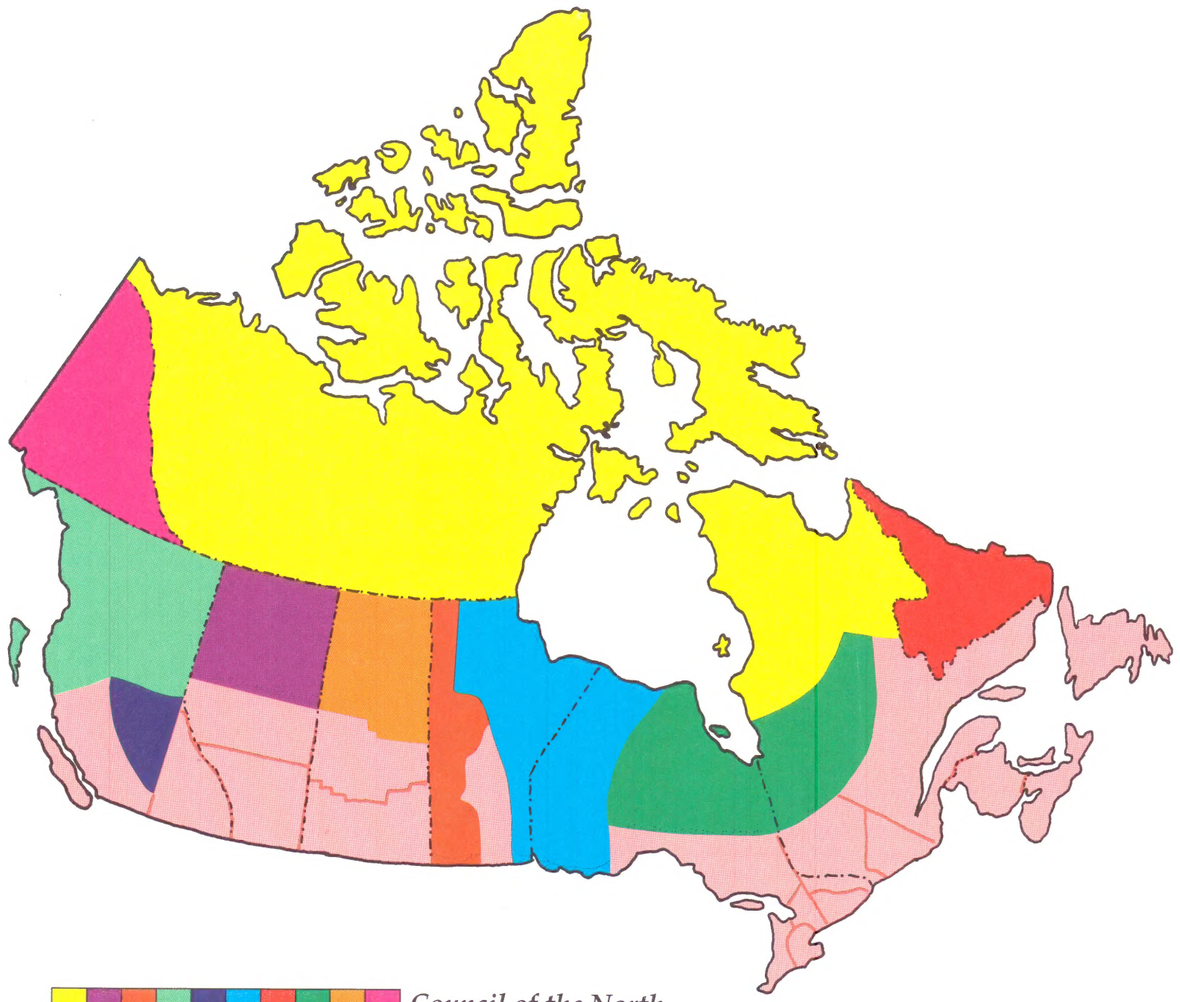
Diocese of Keewatin
9 percent of the land
.5 percent of the population
1.4 percent of active Anglicans
1 Anglican for every 16 square miles of territory
47 percent of the Anglicans are aboriginal Canadians

Deanery of Labrador
27 percent of the land
.1 percent of the population
.7 percent of active Anglicans
1 Anglican for every 12 square miles of territory
.5 percent of the Anglicans are aboriginal Canadians

Diocese of Moosonee
9 percent of the land
1.3 percent of the population
1.2 percent of active Anglicans
1 Anglican for every 18 square miles of territory
45 percent of the Anglicans are aboriginal Canadians

Diocese of Saskatchewan
3.5 percent of the land
.6 percent of the population
1.6 percent of active Anglicans
1 Anglican for every 6 square miles of territory
39 percent of the Anglicans are aboriginal Canadians

Diocese of Yukon
8 percent of the land
.2 percent of the population
.2 percent of active Anglicans
1 Anglican for every 45 square miles of territory
24 percent of the Anglicans are aboriginal Canadians



Council of the North
89 percent of the land
7 percent of the population
12 percent of active Anglicans
1 Anglican for every 45 square miles of territory
28 percent of the Anglicans are aboriginal Canadians

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